

# Three Ways to Find Love in School



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As challenging as the college-dating scene may seem, many people do meet and enter into a long-term relationship during their college years. We all know the story of how Kate Middleton lucked out when she met her future husband, Prince William, in college. Their relationship stayed strong throughout school and resulted in one of the most talked about weddings of the decade.

Of course, not everyone finds their Prince Charming on campus, but there are plenty of ways to leverage your chances of meeting the right guy while you're busy shuffling off to class, eating a bowl of cereal in the cafeteria or watching

the school's basketball team take it to the finals.

Here are a few tips to study up on:

### **Discovering Non-Intimidating Techniques**

If there's someone in your class or on your campus that you're interested in, find natural ways to let them know. There's more to introducing yourself than a simple "hello." Strike up a conversation about your class assignment or homework, and once the discussion gets rolling, ask if they want to get together for a study session. Be specific about making plans; don't just say it rhetorically. Ask them to get together that night or the following night. For young women who aren't used to being assertive in dating situations, this technique is a non-intimidating way to get to know someone.

### **Sending Clear Messages**

Many college students date more than one person at a time. In fact, it's a part of the college experience for many young people. When you're dating a guy at school, make sure there's open communication about what he wants, what you want and where the relationship is headed. Many women tend to avoid "the talk" out of fear that the relationship will end if they say anything. But a person's intentions are usually staring us in the face; it's just a matter of whether or not we choose to accept them. By being clear with the person you're dating, it can save a lot of wasted time with the wrong person and open the door for someone new and serious to come into your life. If you're not sure what you want, that's okay. Just know that if you're open and honest with the guy that you're dating, it'll save you headaches and maybe a broken heart later.

### **Setting Priorities**

Of course, you're in college to earn your degree, so that

should be your first priority. However, learning to balance a relationship with your school work can actually make you better at work/life balance once you leave college. For now, concentrating on your classes should be at the top of your list, so if you're in a situation where your relationship or dating life is monopolizing your time, it's probably best to step back a bit and reassess things.

Dating while you're in school can be a lot of fun and can be a chance to meet new people and decide what you want in a long-term relationship for the future.

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